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Monroe County Grand Jury Indicts Kesean Mckenzie-Smith & William Wilkins for Murder of Montre T. Bradley

Rochester, NY- On Friday, a Monroe County Grand Jury indicted Kesean Mckenzie-Smith (21) and William Wilkins (19) for the August 31st murder of 19 year old Montre T. Bradley in Gates. The victim, who was on the sidewalk awaiting the opening of the Street Game shoe store located at 1309 Chili Avenue, was allegedly shot by the defendants during a robbery and attempted robbery of six individuals. The defendants fled the scene but were later apprehended separately by Gates police with assistance from other agencies.

Both Mckenzie-Smith and Wilkins are charged with one (1) count of Murder in the 2nd Degree, three (3) counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, and two (2) counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree.

"It's always a tragedy when a member of our community loses their life to violence, but it's particularly distressing when that act results in the death of an innocent and hardworking young man who was doing nothing more than trying to buy a pair of shoes," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Though the arrest and prosecution of the men who allegedly took Montre Bradley's life can't undo this tragedy, it can ensure that two dangerous and violent criminals are taken off the streets of our community, that Montre's family can receive some measure of closure, and that the cause of justice is served."

Both Mckenzie-Smith and Wilkins are being held in Monroe County jail without bail and will be arraigned in the coming week. Prosecution of the defendants will be handled by Second Assistant District Attorney Timothy Prosperi and Bureau Chief Sara Van Strydonck.